

## 10TH ANNUAL SANTA BARBARA HARBOR & SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 8, 2011  
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Free Admission

[www.HarborFestival.org](http://www.HarborFestival.org)

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## 2011 General Municipal Election

The City of Santa Barbara will be holding a vote-by-mail general municipal election on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 for three City Council seats. Voters will be able to return the ballots via pre-paid postage or in person at five drop-off centers throughout the City.

### Important Election Dates

- ✓ October 10, 2011 – Voter information packets mailed
- ✓ October 24, 2011 – Last day to register to vote
- ✓ November 8, 2011 – Last day to drop off ballots

For additional election-related information, please contact the City's Clerk's Office at 564-5309 or visit the City's website at [www.SBCityVote.org](http://www.SBCityVote.org).

 **Voice your choice.**

## Elección General Municipal del 2011

La Ciudad de Santa Bárbara llevará a cabo una elección general municipal de voto por correo el martes 8 de noviembre del 2011, para tres puestos en el Concejo Municipal. Los votantes podrán retornar las balotas a través del correo con sello postal pre-pagado o podrán entregarlos personalmente en cinco centros de colección de votos que habrá por toda la ciudad.

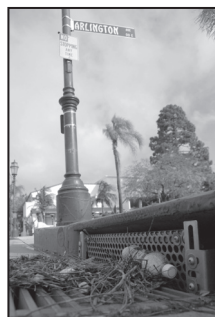
### Fechas Importantes de la Eleccións

- ✓ 10 de octubre del 2011 – Sale por correo la información para el votante
- ✓ 24 de octubre del 2011 – Ultimo día para registrarse para votar
- ✓ 8 de noviembre del 2011 – Ultimo día para entregar la balota

Para recibir información adicional sobre la elección, por favor póngase en contacto con la Oficina del Secretario de la Ciudad llamando al teléfono 564-5309 o visite el sitio web de la Ciudad en [www.SBCityVote.org](http://www.SBCityVote.org).

 **Su voto es su voz.**

## STORM DRAIN SCREENS INSTALLED



The screens prevent trash from entering the drains.

The City recently completed a two-year project to install 1,288 screens on storm drain openings. The retractable screens will keep trash from entering storm drains, creeks, estuaries, and the ocean. The screens have perforated holes that allow moderate amounts of water to flow through while holding trash back at the curbside.

The street sweeping trucks pick up the trash on their scheduled routes. To prevent the risk of flooding, the screens open and allow water to flow during large storms and swing back into place after the heavy storm water subsides. A map of all screens can be found at [www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov](http://www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov).



## CASH FOR MAKING YOUR GARDEN MORE WATER WISE!

**Rebates available on 50% of the cost** of pre-approved water-wise plants, irrigation equipment, smart irrigation controllers, laundry to landscape graywater systems, and mulch.

Up to \$1,000 for single family homes and up to \$4,000 for businesses and HOAs!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
visit [www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Water](http://www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Water)  
or call 564-5460



# WATER USAGE A HOT TOPIC IN SEPTEMBER

## GET HELP WITH A FREE WATER CHECK-UP TO SAVE WATER AND MONEY



During the irrigation evaluation, City staff can help you check for leaks and assess the efficiency of your irrigation system.

Do you know how much water you use in your garden each summer? September competes with other summer months for the highest water usage of the year because the hot weather can cause lawns and gardens to grow even thirstier. The City of Santa Barbara can provide you with a free irrigation evaluation to give you suggestions on how to water your garden efficiently and reduce your water bill.

Irrigation is the number one source of residential water usage, and most homeowners water too much. "September is the month that deep-rooted trees and hedges start showing signs of water stress," said Cathie Paré, City Water Resources Specialist. "After watering, use a soil probe to determine how deep into

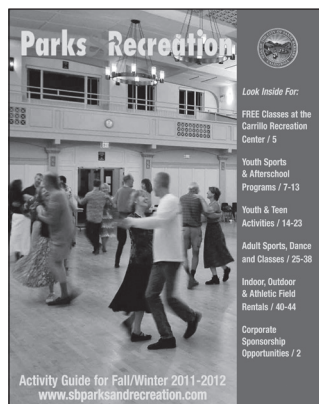
the soil the water has percolated and use a thick layer of mulch, at least three inches, to hold in the moisture and to add organic material and nutrients to the soil," she said.

During the irrigation evaluation, City staff will help you read your meter, check for leaks in the irrigation system, evaluate the efficiency of your irrigation system, develop a watering schedule, and provide information on landscape rebates and irrigation technology.

To schedule your irrigation evaluation, call 564-5460. For more information on how to conserve water, visit [www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Water](http://www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Water).

# NEW FALL & WINTER ACTIVITY GUIDE AVAILABLE ONLINE

The Parks and Recreation fall and winter activity guide is now available online and features information on after-school sports and youth programs, adult sports programs, dance and fitness classes, and facility rentals. City residents are eligible for lower fees on classes and facility rentals through the Resident Discount Program. To access the guide, visit [www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov](http://www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov).



## Energy Retrofit Program for Mobile Home Residents

Santa Barbara residents are invited to participate in the Comprehensive Mobile Home Program, sponsored by the South County Energy Efficiency Partnership (SCEEP). The program will offer free energy-efficient products and services, including compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), low-flow showerheads, weatherization, and duct testing. The program is designed to help eligible customers achieve their energy-savings goals. To sign up, call 888-988-9829, or visit [www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov](http://www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov).



## Celebrate SB's 12th Annual Creek Week September 17th - 25th



Creek Week celebrates our local creeks and ocean, with community events hosted by various local organizations.



Join in guided nature walks, creek restorations, project tours, beach and creek clean-ups, and much more!



For a complete schedule of events, visit [sb creekweek.com](http://sb creekweek.com) or call 897-2606!

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## NEW REWARDS CARD AVAILABLE AT THE GOLF CLUB

The new Muni Rewards card for the Santa Barbara Golf Club can now be purchased for an annual fee of \$125. The card entitles golfers to discounts on greens fees and golf carts, a free soft drink at Mulligan's Café with the purchase of food, 10% off on Pro Shop merchandise, golf lesson incentives, and greens fee discounts to guest golfers.